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FROM: Superintendent

TO: All Parents

Subject: School Safety

The safety and security of our students and staff remains our top priority. As a father of two young children and the superintendent of this great District leading a staff of 1,600 and more than 12,000 students, how we keep our students and staff safe is on my mind each.

Throughout my time here in District 214, we have taken numerous steps to increase the physical security of our buildings as well as implemented additional supports for our students related to their social and emotional well-being. We know that the tragic events such as Columbine, Sandy Hook and now in Parkland can happen anywhere and it can be difficult to prevent a motivated individual from doing harm. Security measures such as security vestibules at the entrance of each building, school resource officers, card key access, cameras, and random searches with law enforcement are just some of the measures that we have implemented throughout the years. In addition, we practice multiple drills each year so our students and staff know what to do in a crisis situation.

I encourage you to talk with your students about their safety and ensure that if they see or hear something that concerns them, they need to tell a trusted adult. We take all threats seriously and work with law enforcement to investigate any rumors and potential threats.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Name  
Superintendent